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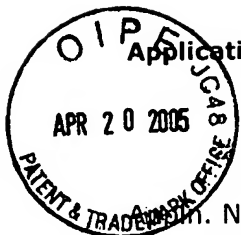
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- 1) 07-288836
- 2) 2000-217127
- 3) 02-309887
- 4) 02-096477

References 1) to 3) include English language abstracts.

References 1) to 3) were cited by a foreign patent examining authority in connection with the examination of a counterpart of the above-identified application. A copy of this Japanese language International Preliminary Examination Report is submitted herewith. MPEP 609 IIIA(3), second paragraph.

Reference 4), with an English language abstract, was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2005. A partial English translation of this reference is provided with this filing.

Reference 06-078320 was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2005.

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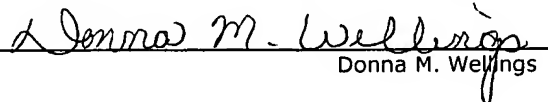
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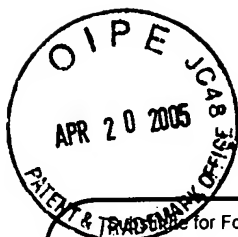
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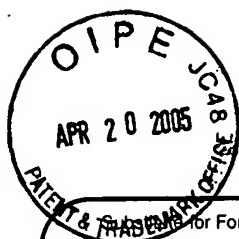
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